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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>22 May 2009</u>.
2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.
3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-9</u> is/are pending in the application.
    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-9</u> is/are rejected.
7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on <u>16 December 2004</u> is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.
    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
    a)☒ All   b)☐ Some *   c)☐ None of:
      1.☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .
      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>01/07/09,02/23/09</u>.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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6) ☐ Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1.   Applicant's arguments, see pages 1 – 2 of Applicants' remarks filed May 22,

2009 with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) have been

fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn.

However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of

newly cited reference Pecen et al. (US 6,925,095).

Pecen teaches a mobile terminal with a unique identity (See Col. 7 lines 64 - 67).

The mobile terminal is a multimode terminal (See Col. 3 lines 1 - 14). Since said

terminal can take on different modes, such as GSM or WCDMA, said terminal can be a

plurality of types. The terminal is uniquely identified by the IMEI thus said IMEI is

associated with the plurality of types and thus is effectively mapped to said types.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2.   The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set
> forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and
> the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the
> invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains.
> Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

3.   Claims 1 – 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Jokinen et al. (US 2003/0027581) in view of Pecen et al. (US 6,925,095).

Consider Claim 1, Jokinen teaches a method for the automatic management of terminal-dependent information in a wireless communication network (0026, lines 1-29, particularly lines 9-13, 0027-0028), which method comprises the steps of: -the detection of the unique identity of the terminal that the subscriber is currently using (0013, lines 1-21, particularly lines 5-15, 0014, lines 4-12, 0026, lines 1-29, particularly lines 18-20, 0026); the adaptation of information about properties to services for the type of terminal detected (0027, lines 1-14, particularly lines 5-9, 0063, lines 1-17, particularly lines 8-15), by retrieving data corresponding to a terminal type; and the presentation of the adapted information on the said terminal (0043, lines 1-20, particularly lines 6-8).

Although Jokinen et al. teaches the method for the automatic management of terminal-dependent information in a wireless communication network (0026, lines 1-29, particularly lines 9-13, 0027-0028), Jokinen et al. does not specifically teach the remapping of the unique identity to properties, including type of terminal.

However, in related art, Pecen teaches remapping of the unique identity to properties, including type of terminal (Cols. 3 lines 1 – 14, 7 lines 64 – 67, See Response To Arguments set forth above).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Jokinen with the multimode feature of Pecen for the purpose of providing a more versatile mobile terminal that can operate in more than one protocol and/or one or more frequency band as taught by Pecen.

Consider Claim 2, Jokinen in view of Pecen teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 1. Jokinen further teaches a method for the automatic management of

terminal-dependent information in a wireless communication network, the step of

detecting the type of terminal being carried out by monitoring and probing signal links

(Section 0039 lines 1 – 8, See Response To Arguments set forth in the Office Action

dated December 22, 2008).

Consider Claim 4, Jokinen in view of Pecen teaches all of the claimed limitations

recited in Claim 1.   Jokinen further teaches a method for the automatic management of

terminal-dependent information in a wireless communication network further comprising

the steps of: the request by the user of a service via SMS/USSD or conversation (0057,

lines 1-23, particularly lines 9-15, 0050, lines 1-14, particularly lines 4-8, 0041, lines 15-

20, 0035, lines 1-8); the exchange of IMEI information between MSC and BSC/RNC or

between SGSN and BSC/RNC for the subscriber (0041, lines 1-23, 0043, lines 1-20,

0048-0049, 0031-0032); the capture of current IMEI information about the subscriber by

probing the signal link (0049, lines 1-10, 0013, lines 1-21, particularly lines 6-8, 0014,

lines 1-16, particularly lines 5-7, 0043, lines 1-20, particularly lines 17-20, 0044, lines 1-

8, See Parts 300, 302 of Figure 3), in order to detect whether the IMEI is a new IMEI for

the subscriber identified; the detection by an application server of the request (0049,

lines 1-10, See Parts 300, 302 of Figure 3); the request by the application server for

terminal properties from the configuration server (0012, lines 1-9, 0014, 0026, lines 1-

29), by using a provisional server to initiate procedures for the terminal; the discovery by

the configuration server of a unique subscriber identity either by reading information that

is stored locally or by a request to HLR (0049, lines 1-10); the reading by the

configuration server of stored IMEI for the subscriber (0049, lines 1-10, 0041, lines 1-23,

0043, lines 1-20, 0048, 0031-O032); the return by the configuration server of the

properties to the application server (0026, lines 1-29, 0014, lines 1-16, 0012); and the

transmission of a terminal-dependent configuration to the terminal via SMS or other

information channel (0057, lines 1-23, particularly lines 9-15, 0050, lines 1-14,

particularly lines 4-8, 0041, lines 15-20, 0035, lines 1-8). Hurst further teaches

remapping of IMEI to properties (Col. 13 lines 24 – 35, 15 lines 8 – 10, lines 13 – 17, the

IMEI is binded or mapped to the service options, which are the properties, the service

options used by the terminal are an indicator of the type of terminal).

Consider Claim 5, Jokinen in view of Pecen teaches all of the claimed limitations

recited in Claim 1.   Jokinen further teaches a method for the automatic management of

terminal-dependent information in a wireless communication network further comprising

the steps: the request by the user of a service via SMS/USSD or conversation (0057,

lines 1-23, particularly lines 9-15, 0050, lines 1-14, particularly lines 4-8, 0041, lines 15-

20, 0035, lines 1-8); the detection by an application server of the request (0049, lines 1-

10, See Parts 300, 302 of Figure 3); the request by the application server for properties

(0012, lines 1-9, 0014, 0026, lines 1-29), by using a provisional server to initiate

procedures for the terminal; the request by the configuration server for IMEI via modified

ATI or a new operation involving HLR (0043, 0048, 0026); the request by HLR to the

terminal for IMEI via MSC/SGSN (0043, lines 1-20, particularly lines 14-20, 0048); the

return by the configuration server of the properties to the application server (0026, lines

1-29, 0014, lines 1-16, 0012); and the transmission of a terminal-dependent

configuration to the terminal via SMS or other information channel (0057, lines 1-23,

particularly lines 9-15, 0050, lines 1-14, particularly lines 4-8, 0041, lines 15-20, 0035,

lines 1-8). Hurst further teaches remapping of IMEI to properties (Col. 13 lines 24 – 35,

15 lines 8 – 10, lines 13 – 17, the IMEI is binded or mapped to the service options,

which are the properties, the service options used by the terminal are an indicator of the

type of terminal).

Consider Claim 6, Jokinen in view of Pecen teaches all of the claimed limitations

recited in Claim 5. Jokinen further teaches a method for the automatic management of

terminal-dependent information in a wireless communication network wherein the step

in which HLR requests IMEI from the terminal comprises the steps of: the request by

HLR to MSC/SGSN for IMEI for the subscriber (0043, lines 1-20, particularly lines 14-

20, 0048, lines 1-10); and the request by MSC/SGSN to the terminal for IMEI for the

subscriber via BSC (0043, lines 1-20, 0048, lines 1-10, 0026).

Consider Claim 7, Jokinen in view of Pecen teaches all of the claimed limitations

recited in Claim 1. Jokinen further teaches a method for the automatic management of

terminal-dependent information in a wireless communication network further comprising

the steps of: the request by the application server for properties from the configuration

server (0012, lines 1-9, 0014, 0026, lines 1-29), by using a provisional server to initiate

procedures for the terminal; the discovery by the configuration server of a unique

subscriber identity either by reading information that is stored locally or by a request to

HLR (0049, lines 1-10); the reading by the configuration server of stored IMEI for the

subscriber (0049, lines 1-10, 0041, lines 1-23, 0043, lines 1-20, 0048, 0031-0032); the

contact by the configuration server to collaborating configuration servers if the IMEI

information is not present in the local database (0049, lines 1-10, 0055, lines 1-25,

0042, 0051, 0053-0054), whereby the relevant collaborating configuration servers are

determined by a request to HLR (0043, lines 1-20, 0048, lines 1-10, 0026); the

conversion by the application server of terminal-independent information to terminal-

dependent information (0009, lines 1-6, Abstract, 0012-0014, 0026, lines 1-29, 0027-

0028, 0033-0034, 0043-0044, 0048-0049); and the delivery of terminal-dependent

information to the terminal (0034, lines 1-24, particularly lines 5-6). Hurst further

teaches remapping of IMEI to properties (Col. 13 lines 24 – 35, 15 lines 8 – 10, lines 13

– 17, the IMEI is binded or mapped to the service options, which are the properties, the

service options used by the terminal are an indicator of the type of terminal).

Consider Claim 8, Jokinen in view of Pecen teaches all of the claimed limitations

recited in Claim 7. Jokinen further teaches a method for the automatic management of

terminal-dependent information in a wireless communication network, the conversion

step occurring based on attributes in the properties (0009, lines 1-6, Abstract, 0012-

0014, 0026, lines 1-29, 0027-0028, 0033-0034, 0043-0044, 0048-0049), by using a

provisional server to initiate procedures for the terminal.

Consider Claim 9, Jokinen in view of Pecen teaches all of the claimed limitations

recited in Claim 1. Jokinen further teaches at least one software product that can be

loaded directly into the internal memory (0041, lines 1-23, particularly lines 13-15, 0065,

0068-0070, 0066) of at least one digital computer (0003, lines 9-12, 0027, lines 1-9)

comprising software modules for carrying out the steps when the said products, at least

one such (102subl,...,102subn) (0041, lines 1-23, particularly lines 13-15, 0065, 0068-

0070, 0066) is run on the said computers, at least one such (100subl,...,100subn)

(0003, lines 9-12, 0027, lines 1-9).

4.   Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jokinen

et al. (US 2003/0027581) in view of Pecen et al. (US 6,925,095), as applied to Claim 1

above, and further in view of Hurst et al. (US 7,149,545).

Consider Claim 3, Jokinen in view of Pecen teaches all of the claimed limitations

recited in Claim 1. Jokinen in view of Pecen does not teach detecting the type of

terminal being carried out by monitoring and probing signal links in order to detect.

However, in related art, Hurst teaches detecting the type of terminal being carried

out by monitoring and probing signal links in order to detect MSISDN-IMSI mapping

(Cols. 9 lines 45 – 53, 11 lines 62 – 67, 12 lines 1 – 9).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to modify the system of Jokinen in view of Pecen with the above

feature of Hurst for the purpose of authorizing subsequent service or content activation

to authorized users while minimizing that unauthorized users will be able to access said

service options or content as taught by Hurst.

Conclusion

5.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to RAYMOND S. DEAN whose telephone number is

(571)272-7877. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:00-2:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Edward F. Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899. The fax phone number

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